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SUBJ: NATIONAL PROCESS INDUSTRIES: UNRAVELING OF IDI
RHODESIA TIES

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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

SUMMARY: AMCITS INVOLVED IN RHODESIA FERTILIZER PLANT CASE
REPORTEDLY RELUCTANT TO SIGN DOCUMENTS NEEDED BY NPI IN CONN-
ECTION UNRAVELING FORMER RELATIONSHIPS. CONCERN FOR POSSIBLE
FURTHER US PROSECUTION BELIEVED A FACTOR AND NPI ASKS IF THIS
CONCERN CAN BE RELIEVED.

1. FOLLOWING RECENT DISCUSSIONS OF POST- LICENSING DOCUMENTATION
REPORTED REFTEL, R. O. HILL OF NPI REQUESTED ASSISTANCE IF
POSSIBLE IN RESOLVING PROBLEM INVOLVING IDI (BAHAMAS COMPANY) AND
AMCIT BARTLETT. (SEE PRETORIA 3971, 12/22/71, AND PREVIOUS;
EMBASSY BELIEVES BARTLETT WAS ONE OF THOSE FINED IN CONNECTION
C AND I GIRDLER CASE INVOLVING SABLE CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES
FERTILIZER PLANT IN RHODESIA.)

2. FOLLOWING IS SITUATION AS OUTLINED BY HILL: OPERATING
CORPORATION INTERNATIONAL (A US COMPANY) IN SEPT 19 67 ENTERED
INTO MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH SABLE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY TO
SUPERVISE ERECTION AND MANAGEMENT RHODESIAN FERTILIZER PLANT.
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BARTLETT ACTING AS IDI EMPLOYEE AND AGENT NPI ACTED TO FORM LIECHTENSTEIN COMPANY CALLED INDUSTRIAL OPERATION AFRICA LIMITED (IOA). BARTLETT HAD NO FINANCIAL INTEREST IN IOA. OCI MANAGEMENT CONTRACT CEDED TO IOA. AS PART OF DISSOLUTION OF JOINT INTERESTS IDI AND NPI IN RHODESIA, IT AGREED IOA WOULD CEDE MANAGMENT AGREEMENT TO NOMINEES OF NPI.

3. HILL CLAIMS THAT IN ENSUING ACRIMONIOUS NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN IDI AND NPI, NO DIRECTORS FOR IOA WERE APPOINTED AND IOA HAD BEEN PLACED IN PROVISIONAL LIQUIDATION WITHOUT THE MANAGMENT CONTRACT HAVING BEEN CEDED. ONLY PERSON WHO CAN GIVE INSTRUCTIONS TO LIQUIDATOR IS ORIGINATOR OF COMPANY, I. E. BARTLETT.

5. HILL SAID BARTLETT HAD AGREED TO CONSIDER SIGNING THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS SENT TO HIM BUT HAS SUBSEQUENTLY FAILED TO ACT. HILL BELIEVES IT IS FOR FEAR OF CONTRAVENING US LAW. HE ASKS THEREFORE IF APPROPRIATE WASHINGTON AGENCIES COULD GIVE CONSENT FOR BARTLETT TO SIGN DIVESTING HIMSELF OF ALL SIGNING POWERS IN MATTER IN FAVOR OF NPI OR OTHERWISE CONFIRM THAT HE WOULD BE FREE TO DO SO.

5. HILL ALSO ASKED IF HE COULD HAVE EARLY ADVICE ON THE SITUATION SINCE THE LIQUIDATION OF IOA WILL BE COMPLETED MARCH 30.
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